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IN REPLY REFER TO:

5720 DON-NAVY-2020-008354 August 27, 2020

Mr. Barry W. Hess Tidewater Technical Coating, Inc. 1713 North Alanton Drive Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454-1513

Subj: FOIA REQUEST DON-NAVY-2020-008354

Dear Mr. Hess,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of May 28, 2020, request number DON-NAVY-2020-008354, for information pertaining to Task Order N40080-19-F-4625. We found 91 responsive documents to your request, consisting of the following:

1. Electronic mail communications pertaining to Task Order N40080-19-F-4625.

We have enclosed 91 responsive documents, which are being released to you in part, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(4) & (b)(6) of the FOIA. Exemption 4 allows an agency to withhold trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential. Exemption 6 allows an agency to withhold personal information that, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

You have the right to an appeal. It must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide a letter requesting an appeal, with a copy of your initial request and a copy of the letter of denial, in an envelope marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You are encouraged (though not required) to provide an explanation why you believe the redactions were inappropriate or our search was inadequate. Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter to us at Naval Facilities Engineering Command Washington, 1314 Harwood Street, SE, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374.

There are two ways to file an appeal—through FOIAonline or by mail.

- 1. Through FOIAonline: Go to https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home/. Locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search" field), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save," and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.
 - 2. By mail: Address your appeal to:

Department of the Navy Office of the General Counsel 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532 Washington, DC 20350-1000

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA coordinator at steven.rodriguezruiz@navy.mil, (202) 685-3229. You may also contact the Department of the Navy (DON) FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, (703)697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the DON. For more information, go to https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information.

Sincerely,

B. M. VOGEL
By direction